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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 11, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC000304

Ex Parte: In the matter of  
implementation of number  
conservation measures granted  
to Virginia by the Federal  
Communications Commission in its  
Order released July 20, 2000

ORDER DIRECTING TRANSITION FROM INTERIM  
POOLING ADMINISTRATOR TO NATIONAL  
POOLING ADMINISTRATOR

On July 20, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") delegated to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") the authority to implement number conservation measures, including thousand-block number pooling in the 804, 757, and 540 area codes. The FCC required that the Commission delegate number pooling authority to a neutral entity to administer the number pooling trials until such time as the FCC designated the national pooling administrator.<sup>1</sup>

On February 16, 2001, the Commission issued an Order in this proceeding naming Telcordia Technologies ("Telcordia") as Virginia's interim number pooling administrator and implementing

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, CC Docket Nos. 99-200, 96-98, NSD File No. L-99-95.

a thousand-block number pooling trial in the 804/434 area code.<sup>2</sup>

This Order noted that the Commission's selection of an interim number pooling administrator would likely be superseded by the FCC when the FCC selected the national pooling administrator.

On June 18, 2001, the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau announced that it had selected NeuStar, Inc. ("NeuStar"), to be the National Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator.<sup>3</sup> The first round of implementation of the national pooling rollout is scheduled to begin in March 2002. Until the national framework is implemented, the Commission retains authority to implement number pooling trials.

On September 12, 2001, NeuStar submitted a letter to the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") advising of the need to transition Virginia's number pooling trials from Telcordia to NeuStar. NeuStar further advised that the administrative costs of the pooling trials under NeuStar will not exceed those reflected in the contract between Telcordia and NAPM LLC ("NAPM"), the company which administers the contract with Telcordia on behalf of the Commission.

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<sup>2</sup> In Case No. PUC990159, the Commission ordered a Geographic Split of the 804 area code such that the western portion of the area code will receive the new 434 area code. Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission Ex Parte: In re: Investigation of area relief for the 804 Numbering Plan Area, Case No. PUC990159, Order on Area Code Relief (December 1, 2000).

<sup>3</sup> Federal Communications Commission's Common Carrier Bureau Selects NeuStar, Inc. as National Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administrator, Docket No.: CC 99-200, 2001 WL 673705 (F.C.C. June 18, 2001).

On September 25, 2001, Telcordia submitted a letter to Staff advising that it supports transitioning the Virginia pooling trials to NeuStar. The letter further stated that Telcordia had consulted with NeuStar and the National Number Portability Operations team to develop a transition plan that would allow for completing the transition of all pooling trials in Virginia from Telcordia to NeuStar on or about October 12, 2001. This schedule would coincide with the start of pooling in the 757 area code on October 12, 2001. Pursuant to the Commission's February 16, 2001, Order, a subsequent Order entered herein on March 27, 2001, and an Order approving NPA relief for the 540 area code,<sup>4</sup> Virginia's interim thousand-block pooling trials have been, or are to be, implemented in the 804/434, 757, and 540/276 area codes on June 15, 2001, October 12, 2001, and November 15, 2001, respectively. Telcordia indicated that it had successfully transitioned pooling trials to NeuStar in five other states, and it was confident a transition would occur in Virginia with no significant disruption.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that the transition of authority to administer Virginia's number pooling trials from Virginia's

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<sup>4</sup> Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission Ex Parte: In re: Petition for approval of NPA relief plan for the 540 area code, Case No. PUC990207, Order on Area Code Relief (February 22, 2001).

interim thousand-block number pooling administrator, Telcordia, to the national thousand-block number pooling administrator selected by the FCC, NeuStar, should take place on or before October 12, 2001. Telcordia and NeuStar have indicated they are willing and able to accomplish the transition by such date.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The authority to administer Virginia's number pooling trials shall be transitioned from Telcordia to NeuStar on or before October 12, 2001. Telcordia and NeuStar shall work together in order to facilitate a seamless transition.

(2) The implementation of the Virginia thousand-block number pooling trials shall remain on schedule. The trials in the 757 and 540/276 area codes shall be implemented on October 12, 2001, and November 15, 2001, respectively.

(3) The terms and conditions of the contract between Telcordia and NAPM to administer the trials shall remain in effect. NAPM shall negotiate the assignment of the remainder of its contract with Telcordia to NeuStar.

(4) Telcordia and NeuStar shall report to the Staff upon the successful transitioning of the number pooling trials.

(5) This matter shall remain open for further orders of the Commission.